

AGREEMENT TO BIND E 5-5-3 WARSHIP RATIO

Inspectors See That Quota Is Not Exceeded.

COMPROMISE FOR TOKIO

Plea for 10 P. C. Extra in
Capital Vessels Likely to

Win Something.

SUB TONNAGE IS UP SOON

Delegates Will Likely Consider

'Vipers' First in Final Compromise.

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Upon the expectation that the delegates of the United States, Great Britain and Japan will ultimately agree on the "5-5-3" ratio as the standard for their navies, officials are casting about for some reasonable means of insuring that the nations will live up to limits negotiated.

It is fairly well established that a commission of naval officers will be provided for to inspect at intervals the different navies, to see that they are not exceeding the limits set in the agreement. This committee will at

The limitation of the navies along the lines provided by Secretary Hughes in the original American proposal is generally accepted now as the final basis for the forthcoming agreement despite the attitude of Japan, and so attention has been turned to the form the agreement should take. Secretary Hughes did not propose the details of the enforcement scheme, allowing that to slide along un-

Cheating Is Not Expected.

There is not the slightest thought that any of the nations will agree to a curtailment programme, signing a treaty and binding the Government, and then turn around and violate the pact by building more tonnage than allowed. Still it is realized that something ought to be done to give assurance from time to time that the nations were abiding wholeheartedly with the terms.

Such reassurance would naturally put at rest reports that might spring up from time to time that this or that nation was not following the provisions of the pact and was, despite its treaty, building more vessels than it should.

not revealed what has been in his mind regarding such an agreement, and he probably will not until later, when the terms are finally decided. It is expected that the enforcement provisions will be prepared by Mr. Hughes working with Arthur J. Balfour of Great Britain and Admiral Baron Kato of Japan. They form the subcommittee in charge of details of the naval programme.

American naval officers who are helping Mr. Hughes with the American part of the naval programme thought it pos-

sible to-day that the question of submarine tonnage would be taken up as one of the first features in the final compromise. They believed the United States would be willing in view of the British protest to recede from its sug-

U. S. Submarines \$3,000 Tons.

At present with those now building, the United States Navy possesses submarines aggregating 83,000 tons. It is said the submarines in commission, however, do not exceed 50,000 tons. While American naval officers dislike the idea of a reduction, it is regarded as probable that they will agree to cut down the tonnage materially, perhaps to 50,000 tons.

The general understanding that the Japanese demand that 10 per cent be added to her capital ship tonnage would be set aside in the final agreement led to a consideration of the second Proposal of Japan that in a type of ship of purely a defensive character she should approximate the auxiliary tonnage of the two chief naval powers. It was this understanding of the officers considering the whole question that a compromise agreeable to all three parties would be

Japan has not revealed the exact character of the ships in this auxiliary class, but it is understood they are to be in the main light cruisers with a comparatively short cruising radius. Of this type of vessel—auxiliary—it was provided in the Russian programme that

HIT BY ELEVATED TRAIN.

Roy Johnson, 35, of 2900 Briggs avenue, The Bronx, leaned over the edge of the interborough elevated platform at 18th street and Third avenue last night and a north bound Bronx Park train struck his head. He fell to the platform unconscious and was taken to Lincoln Hospital by Dr. Levine, suffering from concussion of the brain.

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